



**U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES DIV.
INDIAN RESOURCES SECTION
EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY GS-12 TO GS-15
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Indian Resources Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division is seeking experienced attorneys for the position of Trial Attorney in Washington, D.C. The Indian Resources Section represents the United States in its trust capacity in district court litigation for the benefit of Indian tribes and individual Indians. These suits include establishing water rights, protecting hunting and fishing rights, remedying trespasses on Indian lands, and establishing reservation boundaries and rights to land. The Section also defends challenges to federal statutes, agency decisions, and programs designed to benefit Indian Country. The litigation is of vital interest to Indian tribes and often addresses issues of first impression. The litigation also typically raises novel legal issues, including constitutional questions, the scope of administrative review, and interpreting historical evidence that may be centuries old.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree; be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least two years of post-J.D. legal experience. Experience in litigation and knowledge of Indian law is highly desirable. Applicants must submit a current resume or OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment) and writing sample.

Applications may be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Department of Justice, ENRD
Indian Resources Section
Attn: Kristin Julier
P.O. Box 44378
L'Enfant Plaza Station
Washington, DC 20026-4378
(ENRD-05-060-EXC)

Applications sent via overnight express delivery should be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Justice, ENRD
Indian Resources Section
Attn: Kristin Julier
601 D. Street, N.W., Room 3307
Washington, DC 20004
(ENRD-05-060-EXC)

In the alternative, applications may be faxed to (202) 305-0271 Attn: Kristin Julier.

Please limit faxed material to 25 pages.

No telephone calls please. **The position is open until filled; however, applicants are encouraged to respond on or before July 08, 2005.** This is a re-advertisement of announcement ENRD-05-026-EXC. Candidates who previously applied to that announcement will be considered and need not reapply.

Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level in the GS-12 (\$62,886 - \$81,747) to GS-15 (\$103,947 - \$135,136) per annum range.

For more information about the Environment & Natural Resources Division, visit the Justice Department's web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd>.

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.

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It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.